

CONSUMER WILL HAVE HIS CHANCE

Mrs. Ultimate Are Asked to Step Up to Counter of Tariff Benefits.

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much written about in 1910, is now to have free sugar, steel, boots and shoes, raw wool, lumber, cement, saddles, sewing machines, farm implements and what not.

The things which go into the market basket have been materially reduced or placed on the non-dutiable list. The housewife is expected to reap the benefit. Time will tell whether both the market basket and the purse will be heavier after a shopping expedition.

May Educate Housewife.

The housewife, or Mrs. Ultimate Consumer, knows little about the intricacies of tariff revision, but she'll begin to learn if free meat means cheaper beefsteak and mutton chops.

Fresh meats are cheaper on the list than in the market. Whole chickens, for example, are listed at 10 cents a pound, but in the market they are 12 cents a pound.

It would appear that free meat should mean something to the housewife, yet a report from a commercial agent of the Department of Commerce and Labor, made last year, says:

"Argentina has been looked upon as a competitor of the United States in the beef industry and has even been considered as a possible source of cheaper meat for this country. The present outlook there lends no color to the supposition. Shipments of beef from the river Plata to the United States have been reported by the same interests which now supply the market here, not in opposition to them."

Packers in Control.

The report then explains that American packers already have a foothold in Argentina. Perhaps the packers will be as active in Canada and elsewhere, once a free meat rate is assured, and it will cost the Ultimate Consumer about the same.

Steel rails are going on the free list, but no country can compete with the United States in the manufacture of steel. Home industries have the natural ores, and the steel plants, and can undersell Germany every day in the year. It is claimed, however, that the rate of the Democratic bill will result in small importations of steel, and that the consumer will pay about the same as heretofore.

Skipping from beef and steel to lemons, the consumer's hopes need not be so sour. Lemons now bear a rate of 25 cents per pound. The rate has been dropped two-thirds, which ought to make a difference of about 16 cents a dozen on the retail price of lemons.

In 1912, this country imported approximately 14,000 tons of lemons from California and Florida. Lemons are sold in the United States at a price of 25 cents a pound. The rate of the Democratic bill will result in small importations of steel, and that the consumer will pay about the same as heretofore.

Small Cut on Luxuries.

Oranges and grapefruits were classed as semi-luxuries and are not slated for a sweeping reduction. The 1 cent a pound duty is said to have been cut 50 per cent, which ought to help a little.

On the other hand, free sugar and free-free lemons probably will cause no decrease in the price of a lemonade. The soda fountain habit will remain an expensive ignorance of a lower tariff.

There's imported beer, in which Mr. Ultimate Consumer is more interested than his wife. Foreign beer has been paying a tax of 23 cents per gallon. Indications are that the Underwood bill will be 10 to 20 per cent less; but the tax on the glass and the price over the bar will make a difference, no doubt.

A limited number are interested in the schedule of duties on cigars. The Democratic bill, it is said, has the highest revenue requirement. Reports from the committee room are that there have been practically no reductions in the rates on cigars. The tariff on cigars is 10 cents a pound. The rate of the Democratic bill will result in small importations of steel, and that the consumer will pay about the same as heretofore.

Tobacco Highly Taxed.

The user of tobacco will not buy his imported cigars cheaper. Tobacco, also, is highly taxed in the new bill and there has been an occasional raise in the present duties. Turkish cigarettes, for example, are taxed at 10 cents a pound. The rate of the Democratic bill will result in small importations of steel, and that the consumer will pay about the same as heretofore.

Despite the protest of Congressmen Augustus P. Gardner and the Gloucester fishermen, the Democratic proposal to free fish, shellfish, and oysters, salted, or otherwise, is not likely to be removed from the bill.

There is likewise a great difference of opinion regarding the effect the free listing of boots and shoes will have. When the Payne revisionists removed the duty from shoes and leather, the Ultimate Consumer, taking a cue, cheered three times. He threw away a fairly good pair of shoes and hustled to the village store to buy a new pair to reap the benefit of free hides. He was "soaked" in the same old way.

Manufacturers Protest.

Now the Democrats will remove the duty on the finished product, which has borne a duty of 10 to 15 per cent ad valorem. The United States exports to Great Britain, France, and other European countries from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 worth of shoes annually. The manufacturers are protesting.

portations are negligible. Shoe manufacturers before the committee declared that the removal of duty would cripple the American industry but would not cheapen the price of shoes here.

Considering his experience with free hides, the Ultimate Consumer is willing to be shown that free shoes means cheaper shoes.

The consumer, however, does not store by the free listing of raw wool, and the 30 per cent cut in the duties of knit goods, ready-made clothing, and home-made goods, is a difference of at least \$8 a year to the average American family. The housewife and the grocer are expected to reap the benefit of a cent and a half per pound reduction.

Rice Reduction Slated.

Table rice has also undergone a material reduction in the Democratic bill, the reported rate being 3 of a cent a pound in lieu of the existing duty of 2 cents per pound. Louisiana, Texas, and South Carolina will send up distress signals in the receipt of this news, but the revenues on imported rice have been so small that the idea of a "free market basket" obtained from hold and the deed is done. In 1912 the revenue derived from cleared and uncleaned rice was less than \$100,000.

Reductions of from 25 to 50 per cent have been made in the cotton schedule, which comes home to every family. Cotton stockings, gloves, handkerchiefs, vests, and union suits, towels, quilts, and blankets have been slashed 50 per cent. The Democratic bill also is to be the beneficiary of free butter, cheese, eggs, lard and hard commodities, vegetables and food. The rate on butter has been reduced to a minimum and it is understood that onions will bear a very slight duty.

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Coal Rust Is Hit.

Swatting the coal trust and carrying out the Democratic slogan that "trust-controlled products shall be on the duty-free list," the Democrats are seeking to reduce the furnace owner by granting free coal.

The farmer, about whose welfare all campaign oratory revolves, has been given free fence wire, hoop and band iron, wagons, agricultural implements, hoes, and axes, shingles, laths, harness, and belting. He also gets free salt.

Printing presses, typewriters, typesetting machines, and print paper have been yanked from the dutiable list. Cotton stockings, gloves, and hosiery have been slashed 50 per cent. The Democratic bill also is to be the beneficiary of free butter, cheese, eggs, lard and hard commodities, vegetables and food. The rate on butter has been reduced to a minimum and it is understood that onions will bear a very slight duty.

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Shad Prices Soar
Owing to Scarcity

Shad are scarce, according to dealers here. That's the reason they're so expensive. There was a drop the past week of 10 cents from 50 to 40, and it is not expected this will be permanent. It is declared because the supply here is small. Few shad have been taken from above Maryland point. It is explained. Operations at Windmill Point, on the upper side of Potomac Creek, were suspended about a week ago, it is said.

The starting of work at Fairy Landing, Chapman's Point, and other places depends, it is said, on how soon the mud-saturated water settles. It is expected that the haul of the big seines at Chapman's Point will be started during the coming week.

Newlands to Push Bill
For River Regulation

Senator Newlands of Nevada intends to push his river regulation and flood prevention bill, which has been introduced in the Senate, through the Senate. The bill is expected to be passed during the coming week.

NEW ENGLANDERS FEAR TARIFF CUTS

They Want Duties Kept on Manufactured Goods. But Ask Free Food Supplies.

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New England manufacturers are up in arms over the prospective reductions in the tariff bill and are insisting Democrats and Republicans support alike in their efforts to prevent the reductions in schedules which they now fear are going to be brought about.

Not only have the duties been cut heavily on many articles of manufacture produced in New England but it now develops that fish are to be on the free list. Disasters from Gloucester say Congressman Gardner has advised his constituents to that effect. The result is that hundreds of fishermen in the Gloucester region are threatening to quit the country in a body and remove to Nova Scotia. The fishermen are especially alarmed and say they will not be able to compete with the big dealers.

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WOMEN UNAFRAID OF TERRORS OF PARADE

Police Have Promised Adequate Protection to Those Who Will March on Capitol.

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The women have no fear. They are swooning down upon Senators and Congressmen in a cause that has had their closest attention, their heartiest work for months. It is a nationwide appeal that the National Government recognize the growing cry that women have a part in making the laws that govern all alike.

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GUARDS DOUBLED IN REPORTS DIFFER IN ANOTHER "SAMMY"

Washington Officers Deny Confusion of Names Scars

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Treasury officials today were startled at reports coming to them from Boston as to the extent and duration of the sleeper-trunk swindling frauds perpetrated against the customs in Boston and New York. The thorough organization of the swindlers are what made effective the frauds, it is stated, the volume of which is declared to reach a big figure.

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